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# India and Japan Continue Cooperation for a Strong and Prosperous Indo-Pacific

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India and Japan reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening cooperation for a free, open, and prosperous Indo-Pacific region during the visit of Japanese Foreign Minister Toshimitsu Motegi to New Delhi.

The discussions focused on deepening the India-Japan Special Strategic and Global Partnership and enhancing collaboration in areas such as maritime security, infrastructure, connectivity, technology, supply chains, and regional stability.

The meeting took place alongside the Quad Foreign Ministers' Meeting held in New Delhi.

## Key Highlights

Japanese Foreign Minister Toshimitsu Motegi met Prime Minister Narendra Modi and External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar during his visit.

Both countries agreed to continue cooperation under the Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP) framework to ensure peace, security, and economic prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region.

The discussions emphasized strengthening maritime cooperation, resilient supply chains, digital partnerships, infrastructure development, and regional connectivity.

The leaders also discussed cooperation in emerging sectors such as critical minerals, clean energy, advanced technology, semiconductors, and economic security. Both sides highlighted the importance of maintaining freedom of navigation and a rules-based international order in the Indo-Pacific region. (reuters.com)

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## **Importance of India-Japan Relations**

India and Japan share a Special Strategic and Global Partnership based on democratic values, mutual trust, and regional cooperation. Japan is one of India's major development partners and investors. The partnership is strategically important because both countries support a stable Indo-Pacific region, secure sea lanes, and diversified global supply chains.

Japan has supported several major infrastructure projects in India, including the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail (Bullet Train) Project and the Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC). Both countries are also working together in areas such as defence cooperation, disaster management, digital technology, and green energy.

## **About the Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP):**

The Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP) is Japan's strategic vision aimed at promoting freedom of navigation, open trade, connectivity, sustainable development, and a rules-based international order in the Indo-Pacific region. India's Act East Policy complements Japan's FOIP initiative by strengthening engagement with Southeast Asian and Indo-Pacific countries.

## **About the Quad**

### **The Quad, or Quadrilateral Security Dialogue, is a strategic grouping of:**

India

Japan

United States

Australia.

The grouping focuses on maritime security, disaster response, critical technologies, supply-chain resilience, and regional stability in the Indo-Pacific region.

## **Important Facts:**

Diplomatic relations between India and Japan were established in 1952.

India and Japan upgraded ties to a "Special Strategic and Global Partnership" in 2014.

Japan is among the largest foreign investors in India.

India, Japan, and Australia jointly launched the Supply Chain Resilience Initiative (SCRI) in 2021.

## **Important Personalities**

External Affairs Minister of India: S. Jaishankar

Japanese Foreign Minister: Toshimitsu Motegi

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